

Notes to the Town

Happy Holidays to all from your staff and elected officials at Town Hall, it is our privilege and honor to serve you. Family and friends are welcomed home for the holidays too. Please be safe while enjoying the holiday festivities.

From the Departments:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Patty Canfield: Town and County Tax Bills for 2005 will be mailed out and due without penalty by January 31, 2005. If you receive a tax bill that should be paid by your escrow company or by someone else, please contact me as soon as possible. Also, if you were supposed to receive a tax bill and have not, please call me as the homeowner is responsible for any penalties, if paid late.

In past years, taxes were collected locally with penalty until April 30th. Beginning in 2005, taxes will only be collected in the Town of LeRoy until March 31, 2005. The extension until the month of April has been changed by the Genesee County Treasurer's Office. After March 31st, all unpaid taxes will be turned over to the county for collection. If you have any questions on these changes, please call Patty Canfield at 768-6910 x224.

Taxes will be collected Monday –Friday at Town Hall 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. During the month of January only, Patty will be available on Thursday evenings until 7:00 PM for your convenience.

Code Enforcement Officer Gene Sinclair: Please make every effort to keep debris, junk cars and construction waste cleaned up around your property. Extra excitement during this season of lights, decorations and candles can result in accidental fires. Please take caution and be sure to extinguish candles before leaving a room, check that electrical cords can handle needs for your decorations too.

Town and Village attorneys are putting together a draft 5-G municipal agreement to join the Planning Boards of both municipalities. Collectively both boards met in November to move the joining of the planning boards together. Town and Village boards will review the agreement at our next joint meeting in January.

As a result of the flooding that occurred during the hurricane event of Ivan in September. The Town has been declared pre-eligible to apply for grant funding for planning and engineering. We have followed that declaration with a complete application to FEMA. West side of town will benefit from the planning and engineering to commence once grant funding is obtained. Rick Henry, Town Engineer continues to monitor this area closely.

Water Districts:

Water District #6 (Route 19) is closed out. Final USDA Rural Development paperwork is being completed at this time. Once the year-end audit is completed the district will be completed. Thank you to all homeowners in the district for your patience with the contractor in finishing the yard reclamation. You will see a charge on your January tax bill for the debt and interest for construction of the district. This is the construction cost for building the district. Monroe County Water Authority charges water usage costs quarterly. Any questions, please call Supervisor at 768-6910 ext. 231.

Ext. #1 to Consolidated Water District (sections of Randall, West Bergen and Selden Roads) is still finishing some construction into next year. Most of the residents are hooked in and receiving water supply at this time. The debt and interest charge for the construction costs will appear on your January tax bill. The charge will be approximately \$500.00. The district was formed on a cost not to exceed \$850.00 the first year. Debt charges and water usage cannot exceed the \$850.00. Monroe County Water Authority charges water usage costs quarterly. Together these charges equal the \$850.00 the district was formed on. If you have questions, please call Supervisor at 768-6910 ext. 231.

Proposed Water Districts News:

Randall and Keeney (sections of) we have received the results of the income survey and are not eligible to low to moderate-income aid. However, next step is to apply for pre-eligibility determination from USDA Rural Development. Town board will begin that application this month on behalf of the proposed district. To date a legal district has not been formed. This action will be put to the home and landowners once we have factual information on the construction costs of the district. We are in hopes of your input by way of support letters demonstrating need for public water. Please address those to Supervisor at 48 Main Street, LeRoy, NY 14482-marked water district. Letters of support do play an important role in grant funding.

Tri-Town areas in LeRoy, Pavilion and Stafford have an opportunity to voluntarily participate in a raw water sampling to proceed in learning of water quality. In LeRoy we are sending out postcards with instructions on how to participate in the raw water sampling. Towns of Pavilion and Stafford will be communicating also with area residents. If you live in the Township of LeRoy on East Bethany-LeRoy Road, Cole Road, Westacott Road and Bernd Roads, you are eligible to participate. January 10 & 11, 2005, the County Health Department will sample raw water supply to your home. Results will enable judgment as to quality issues of private water supply and access need for public water supply. Simply call 768-6910 ext 228 to schedule a day and either AM or PM, along with location of your water supply prior to any treatment system. Results are private. County Health Department has no jurisdiction over private water supply. No action can be enforced to improve your water if found to be contaminated. Raw water sampling is used for grant funding purposes only.

Together the Towns of LeRoy, Pavilion and Stafford are committed to seeking information from which residents can then make an informed decision whether or not to proceed in forming a water district. No formal action has been taken to date.

Perry Road residents have indicated an interest in a water district. We will host a meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2005 at regular Town Board meeting to discuss the information we have to date and receive input on how to proceed. Please mark your calendars at this time for that meeting. We will send a reminder notice as times gets closer too.

Other Activity at Town Hall revolves around the LeRoy Pantry and Help Fund delivery of holiday packages. This year the organization will be helping 96 families in need through this season. Many families are helped throughout the year. Again, one more not for profit agency, that serves the community quietly and behind the scenes. Truly caring and concern for others is their first mission. Donations are accepted year round. You can reach them at 768-4559.

A wonderful thank you to the LeRoy Business Council and LeRoy nursery school for the planning, preparation and presentation of Winter Fest in LeRoy. Community certainly welcomed Santa Claus with great awe and wonder at Town Hall. The winter wonderland of trees was a beautiful sight too. Activity with the Recreation staff fed the creative side of preparing for the season too. Thanks to one and all who worked to provide this community opportunity.

As the season is full of holiday and traditions, the Town observes the following days by closing, Thursday and Friday December 23 & 24th for Christmas and Friday, December 31, 2004 for New Year's Day. Regular business hours will begin on Monday, January 3, 2005.

Town Board regular schedule for the month is as follows:

Thursday, December 23rd, at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall

Thursday, January 13th at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.

Please feel free to join us as your schedule allows.

Remember to hold close family and friends, celebrate successes together and be mindful of those who are less fortunate not to be with loved ones at this time of year. Special thoughts should go to our military troops as they protect our world.

Hometown Hugs donations are accepted at the Town Hall. Please be as generous as you can to their needs. A list of their needs is at Town Hall, feel free to stop by and pick one up.

Happy Holidays to all from the Town Board and Town Staff.

Shelley Stein, Supervisor 768-6910 ext.231